

# The City of Pleasant Hope 5492 Highway H Pleasant Hope, Mo.65725

## Minutes

### Regular City Council Meeting

September 15, 2014

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Richard Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present Justin Adams, Jason Sims and Rodney Lee. Alderman Gary Dooley arrived at 7:04pm. Also present: City Clerk Lynn Esser, Public Works Director Rick Davis, Water & Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland and Police Chief Shawne Ross.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Rodney Lee moved to amend the agenda with a new item 7b Introduction of New Reserve Officers. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Rodney Lee moved to approve the agenda as amended. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** -Meeting August 18, 2014, Closed Sessions of August 18, 2014 and Special Meeting August 26, 2014. Rodney Lee moved to approve all minutes as provided. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee moved to approve payment of pending bills. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Bid Opening for Propane Services for September 2014 – April 2015** – City Clerk Lynn Esser presented Council with the only bid she received. Dallas County Propane will provide propane service to the City for \$1.75 per gallon until April 1, 2015. Rodney Lee moved to accept Dallas County's bid. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.  
**7 (b) Reserve Officer Introductions** – Chief Shawne Ross introduced two new Reserve Officers; Nathan Holdren and Bobby Smith. Rodney Lee moved to approve the two officers. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 8) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
  - a) David Dilley – Quarterly Report on Veterans Wall. Mr. Dilley answered questions from the Board of Alderman and offered a full review of the financials for the wall.
  - b) Yana Mosley – 102 Tillery – water leak – Mrs. Mosley addressed the Board of Alderman about a leak in her yard that was fixed. Adjustment of the average of 6-months of payments x 2 is more than current bill.
  - c) Ashlee Wood was recognized by the Mayor to speak. Mrs. Wood wanted the Board of Alderman to know that she, her husband and her neighbors were all very concerned and upset by the drop in value that their home were taking because of the neighbors on the west side of Pirate Lane and how they kept their property. She and her neighbors would also like for the Board of Alderman to keep Pirate Lane as residential.
  - d) A J Ellis was recognized by the Mayor to speak. He is the owner of the subdivision on the east side of Pirate Lane and he would also like the Board of Alderman to keep Pirate Lane as residential.
  - e) Dewey Smith was recognized by the Mayor. Mr. Smith is the owner of the properties on the west side of Pirate Lane and he would like the Board of Alderman to accept the recommendations of the P&Z Commission to rezone properties west of Pirate Lane to A-1.
- 9) **Old Business:**
  - a) Updates from Planning & Zoning Open Hearing –John Homer P&Z Commissioner addressed the Board of Alderman with the Commission's recommendation to change properties on the west side of Pirate Lane from R-1 to A-1. Jason Sims moved to keep the west side of Pirate Lane as R-1. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
  - b) Update on 200 W Cowden – Rick Davis & Tom Olivas – Rick Davis ask the Board of Alderman to address this update in closed session.
  - c) Updates on street light request for 5489 Anita – Two kinds of lights were presented by Mayor Harralson. Placement was discussed and residence preferences were noted. Jason Sims moved to table this issue until mid-year 2015. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
  - d) Update on fence line clean up at the City Park –Troy Copeland reported that good progress was being made and the cleanup was almost complete.
  - e) Update on street maintenance downtown – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that he had acquired three bids for 2" of asphalt. APAC \$23,150, Bishop Construction \$21,223 and Ball Paving \$17,400. Rodney Lee moved to accept the bid from Ball Paving at \$17,400. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Rick advised the Board of Alderman that the work would be completed in 2-4 weeks.
  - f) Update on yard and property violations – Chief Ross reviewed a lengthy list of property violations with the Board of Alderman.
  - g) Update from Financial Committee on Budget – Lynn Esser, Richard Harralson & Rodney Lee. Lynn Esser advised the Board

of Alderman that 2014 is at risk of having the General Operational Fund finish less than expected. A lot will depend on the sales tax revenues for the next quarter. The 2015 Budget has the New Year looking better than it has in years. There are a couple areas that the Financial Committee is taking a second look – payroll and street maintenance. The Board of Alderman will receive the proposed 2015 Budget at the next regular meeting.

**10) New Business**

- a) Approval of new business license – The Hair Saloon – 104-B N Main. Rodney moved to approve the business license for The Hair Saloon. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
- b) Request to park truck on the city lot for a donation to the Park Fund – Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman of a written request from Karen Witt to be allowed to park a tractor trailer rig on the city lot across the street from the park one weekend a month and for a week at Christmas for a donation to the Park Fund. Jason Sims moved to approve the request as long as the rig has no HazMat postings. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.

**11) Mayor and Alderman Communications**

- a) Cost of copies and faxes for the public – Rodney Lee voiced concern about the amount that the City charges for copies and faxes for the public does not cover the actual costs. Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that a state statute dictates 10-cent per copy, but you can tack on for your time. Rodney Lee moved to charge 25-cents per page for copies and fax starting immediately. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
- b) Publication of Closed Sessions on the City web site – Rodney Lee moved to not put the closed session minutes on the web site; just make note that they are available at city hall. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.

**12) Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that City Hall took a lightening hit and the Internet modem had to be replaced. She was able to get the Wi-Fi network back as well as Rick's laptop, the Chief's desktop, her desktop and the Canon printer. However, Troy's laptop (2006 vintage) would not connect. She requested permission to replace the laptop for a new laptop under \$400. Gary Dooley moved to replace the laptop. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. All financial and water utility reports were provided.

**13) Monthly Report Public Works** –Troy Copeland advised the Board of Alderman of vandalism in the park restrooms again and that Chief Ross was advised. David Dilley finally delivered replacement flags for the Veterans Wall. The Pleasant Hope High School Student Council would like permission to decorate the surface of Pirate Lane by the football field for the Homecoming bonfire on either the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. They would be using a non-toxic "whitewash" and it would be very temporary. Rodney Lee moved to allow the Student Council to decorate Pirate Lane. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.

**14) Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Shawne Ross provided a written report of PHPD activities for the month. The Chief requested permission for Officer Joe Ferzely to attend Taser Instructor training. Officer Ferzely is willing to pay half the cost of the class (\$175). Jason Sims moved to allow Officer Ferzely to attend Taser Instructor training and the City would pay \$175 toward the cost of the class. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Chief Ross advised the Board of Alderman that the battery on the Durango needs to be replaced and the A/C needs repair. The Board of Alderman directed the Chief to acquire the necessary bids and then they would decide what to do. Chief Ross provided the Board of Alderman with the details of a dog bite issue that required him to place a dog in quarantine for rabies testing. The owner refused to pay the vet to get the dog back. The Chief has received a bill from the vet for the dogs stay. Rodney Lee moved to pay the vet bill. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. The Chief asked the Board of Alderman how much time should he give the people on Pirate Lane to comply with all the city ordinances and the requirements of R-1 zoning. Council advised him to give them until the next City Council meeting.

**15) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.21, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.**

Rodney Lee moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.21, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. Jason Sims second. Roll Call Vote: Carlson-yes, Dooley-yes, Sims-yes and Lee-yes. Mayor Harralson announced that the Board of Aldermen was going into a closed session at 8:46pm

Mayor Harralson announced that Council was back in open session at 9:55pm

**16) Adjourn** – Rodney Lee moved to adjourn. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.

Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 9:56pm.

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Mayor Richard Harralson

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City Clerk Lynn Esser